

PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: 1652
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For: REGULATION OF HUMAN TRANSMEMBRANE SERINE PROTEASE

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Director of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed September 10, 2002. We believe no fee is due to make this response timely filed. If a fee is due, please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0733. Appendix I is a marked up version of the amended claims and paragraphs to show the changes made.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 16-21, 25, 26, 28-61, 65-68, 72, and 73. Please amend claims 1, 6, 11, 22, 27, 62, and 69.

1. (Amended) A cDNA encoding a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of (a) the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:12 and (b) the amino acid sequence encoded by a cDNA insert contained within plasmid pCRII-TMSP3 (ATCC Accession No. PTA-3433).